

**Meeting Minutes
Mitchell Building**

Room 136

Thursday, March 20, 2008

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monica Abbott, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Present were Barbara Bessey, Vice-Chair, Erin Ricci, Secretary, Melody Scoble, Treasurer, Lindy Davies, Historian, Melanie Denning, Linda Brander, Linda Davis, Fran O'Hara, Mary Ann Dunwell, Pam Boggs, Jackie Williams, Colleen Owen, Vicki Schiller-Long, Kimberly Worthy, Debbie Barela, Sheree Isola, Billie Rusek, Jan Traynor, Pam Spore, Ty Hilger and Brandi Hamilton.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Linda Davis said that she was miss quoted in the February Minutes and would like to amend them. She said that she would send Erin Ricci an email with what she had said. Pam Spore moved for the approval of the February 2008 general meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Barbara Bessey. The motion then passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Melody Scoble, Treasurer, provided a treasurer's report. The current checking account balance is \$355.82. The savings account balance is \$1,733.72.

Daycare Follow Up: Monica asked if anyone had discussion points that they would like to bring up. Pam Spore wanted clarification on why the school district doesn't keep the school the daycare is in up to safety codes. Melanie Denning said that it has been a fight with them since they first started the daycare. Linda Brander said she spoke with Carol Knight, owner of Little Folks Daycare and Preschool, about non profit organizations. Linda told her that she hadn't worked with them in so long that she couldn't remember. She gave Carol the name of someone who would be able to help. Erin Ricci said that she was going to chair the Daycare subcommittee. Melanie will email Erin with names of anyone that might be interested in helping. Linda asked why the daycare couldn't pay for the fees to become a non-profit. Erin asked how long the contract is with Carol for the Daycare. Melanie said the daycare is on a one year contract from July 1st through June 30th. Erin doesn't understand why Carol would want to pay for the daycare to become non-profit if the school district couldn't give the state and her a contract that lasted more than a year and if the state didn't do the same. If either the state or the school district decides not to renew her contract then she is out of a business. There aren't any buildings around that can facilitate a daycare of one hundred kids. Barbara Bessey said that if the state went with a voucher system then every state employee around the state can use that towards daycare costs. Monica said that if anyone was

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interested in joining this subcommittee to get in touch with Erin. Or if you know anyone that is interested in helping have them contact Erin.

April and June Meeting Location Change and Year End Picture: Monica proposed that we change the location of the April meeting to the Last Chance Gulch Building and have the June meeting in a building located close to the Capitol. Monica thought that we should change this because at the June meeting we will be trying to take a photo with the Governor and/or Lt. Governor and it would make it easier if we were close to the capitol. Jackie Williams said we could have it at the Capitol in the Rotunda. General Services Division (GSD) comes and set up the tables and chairs and then takes everything down. Monica thought that we should have the picture taken on the stairs of the Capitol Rotunda. Jackie Williams said we should invite all the women that have been appointed by the Governor to be in the picture as well. Jackie said that she would email that list to Monica. Monica said that she would send invitations out as soon as possible so the invitees could have plenty of time to respond and put it on there calendars. It was also discussed to have refreshments at the end of the year meeting. A motion was made by Pam Spore to change the April meeting to Last Chance Gulch Building and the June meeting to the Capitol Rotunda and to invite all female appointees to the meeting and provide refreshments. It was seconded by Melody Scoble. Jackie called GSD and arranged it for us to meet in the Capitol and have refreshments.

Letterhead: Barbara passed out Test Your Knowledge of Women's History. Monica said that this is on the new letterhead. It was discussed to change the letterhead to all bolded, to all caps and to change the symbol. Some of the committee didn't understand it. Suggestions were made to have the ELA Star and an old symbol. Also there was a problem with the font. It isn't a font that everyone had on there computer. Barbara said that she can send everyone the tiff file so everyone can see the letterhead properly.

Take your Daughters & Sons to work day: Vicki Schiller-Long asked Barbara Bessey if she could get a copy of what Labor did last year. Barbara talked a little bit about what was done at Labor last year.

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ICCW Across Montana: Mary Ann Dunwell reported that she had been in contact with a women from Wolf Point interested in becoming a member of ICCW.

ICCW discussed all the options of how she can attend the meeting: conference call; attend the meeting if she was in Helena at the time of our General Meeting; or for her to call into the meeting and listen, but wouldn't be able to talk. It was decided that she should just read our minutes from the General Meeting. Mary Ann reported that they have sent the women's survey out to ICCW for comments. One of the comments was: since the questions are worded the same as the 1970's survey it was sometimes unclear as to what was being asked. There should be a part where they explain what the question is asking. Mary Ann reported that The Friendship Center's mentoring was cancelled. They were going to try again. Also they were unable to move forward with Florence Crittenton Home because they didn't have a contact number. Barbara B. said she had the contact number and would forward it to Mary Ann. Rocky Mountain Credit Union had contacted Monica about having a presentation at the General Meeting on what their Credit Union has to offer. At a previous meeting it was decided to have it as a Brown Bag instead that way all state employees can attend. Mary Ann asked if this was something they had to invite other credit unions in the city too. It was decided that they didn't because Rocky Mountain Credit Union is our state encouraged credit union for this area. A motion was made by Pam Spore and seconded by Mary Ann Dunwell to have only Rocky Mountain Credit Union come to this Brown Bar presentation.

ELA: Vicki Schiller-Long passed out poster to everyone at the meeting. She asked each agency to take two posters. She also asked ICCW to give a nomination packet to their Directors and HR Director. All of the nomination packets went out. Vicki said a question was brought up whether or not you can get more than one award. She said they had never run into this before and they were going to have to talk about it.

Events: Lindy Davies gave the report for Barb Wagner, Chair, who was unable to attend. Lindy reported that the Candidate Forum is scheduled for May 6th from 6:00 – 9:00 at the Staggering Ox. Discussion was made by all of ICCW as to which candidates to invite. It was decided to wait until after the filing date had ended to mail out the invites. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Pam Spore to wait until next week to send out the invites to the candidates.

WLB: Erin Ricci reported that the Race for the Cure online registration had just opened that week. They were going to be busy in the next couple of weeks contacting the agency team captains and get the word out about the Race.

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Monica informed them, after speaking with Sheena at the Governor's office, the letter is being moved around their office. Erin said that they were having trouble with finding a team captain for Commerce. She asked if anyone from Commerce was here. Linda Brander said she was and Erin asked her if she would be interested or if she would find someone that would be.

A motion was made by Sheree Isola and seconded by Pam Spore to adjourn.

The general meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erin Ricci, Secretary